

## BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements

### January 21, 2021

#### Events

##### **What do you want to see at EFX21? Call for session proposals!**

The Bonneville Power Administration and the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, in partnership with the Northwest Power and Conservation Council and utilities throughout the Northwest, are hosting the Efficiency Exchange conference virtually on May 25-27, 2021. In this unprecedented time for the industry, EFX is committed to bringing the region together to discuss shared challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for energy - efficiency.

[Please share your ideas](#) for topics and sessions that you would like to see as part of the virtual program, along with any ideas for speakers, keynotes and topics for opening/closing sessions for the 2021 event. The deadline for submission is the end of the day on Friday, Jan. 29.

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##### **BPA webinar: BPA incentives for oil-filled distribution transformers**

Join BPA for a webinar from noon–1 p.m. (PST) on Thursday, Jan. 28 for a webinar that demonstrates opportunities for its customers to receive incentives for the purchase and operation of higher-efficiency distribution transformers. The baseline efficiency for this measure is the Department of Energy 2016 Standard, or DOE-2016 Standard. Amorphous-core transformers easily beat the DOE-2016 Standard, but are not a requirement for the incentive. Come learn why this is true. The webinar will address the ferro-resonance question and the impact of harmonics on transformer losses. It will also demonstrate the use of the reconductor and transformer calculator, or RT calculator, for this application. In addition, a guest from BC Hydro technical staff will share their work and learnings on amorphous-core distribution transformers...[More](#)

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##### **Webinar: Performance Tested Comfort Systems remote heat pump training**

Join CLEAResult for a Performance Tested Comfort Systems, or PTCS, heat pump webinar training from 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. (PST) on Monday, Feb. 1. During the webinar, Bruce



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Manclark will teach HVAC technicians how to commission heat pumps according to PTCS specifications...[More](#)

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**Webinar: Performance Tested Comfort Systems remote duct sealing training**

Join CLEAResult for a Performance Tested Comfort Systems, or PTCS, duct sealing webinar training from 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (PST) on Tuesday, Feb. 2 and Wednesday, Feb. 3. During this webinar, Bruce Manclark will teach HVAC technicians how to seal ducts according to PTCS specifications...[More](#)

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## General

**Rate Period Implementation Manual update and special promotions extension**

BPA is pushing out the release of the 2022-2023 Implementation Manual, or IM, which would typically have been effective October 1, 2021. The new effective dates of the 2022-2023 BPA Implementation Manual are April 1, 2022 through Sept. 30, 2023...[More](#)

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**Trade Talk NW December newsletter: The Winter Energy Savings Issue**

The Trade Ally Network NW's December newsletter, features tips on how to help building owners think about maintenance projects and equipment upgrades to ready their properties for the months ahead. [Read the December issue here.](#)

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## Reminders

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**Update: PTCS Remote Quality Assurance Inspections**

The Performance Tested Comfort Systems program, or PTCS, remote quality assurance, or Remote QA, inspections for PTCS air source heat pumps pilot has improved the delivery of inspections and reduced program costs...[More](#)

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**Hemp in the Energy-Efficiency Program**

The 2018 Farm Bill removed from the controlled substances list and retained USDA regulation of hemp production. USDA issued an interim rule governing production of industrial hemp on Oct. 29, 2019...[More](#)

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**Flexibility on direct install measures**

Earlier in 2020, BPA announced it would temporarily allow virtual verification of direct install measures — due to limitations created by the Covid-19 pandemic — until Dec. 31, 2020...[More](#)

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